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REMARKS

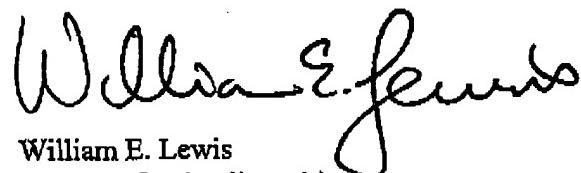
The present application was filed on August 13, 2003 with claims 1-21. Claims 1-21 remain pending and claims 1, 11 and 21 are the pending independent claims.

In the outstanding Office Action dated October 20, 2004, the Examiner provisionally rejected claims 1-21 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-25 of copending Application No. 09/223,765. A terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.321(c) is filed concurrently herewith to overcome this provisional rejection. The present application and copending Application No. 09/223,765 are commonly owned by International Business Machines Corporation, of Armonk, NY.

At the request of the Examiner, this supplemental response and terminal disclaimer is provided having a signature of an attorney of record. The fee for the terminal disclaimer was provided in the previous response filed on January 19, 2005.

In view of the above, Applicants believe that claims 1-21 are in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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